

PTO/SB/97 (09-04)

Approved for use through 07/31/2008. OMB 0551-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

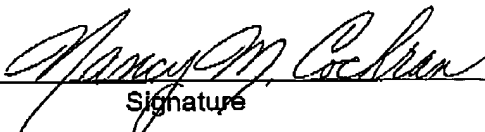
Certificate of Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

USPTO Fax No.: (703) 872-9306

EXAMINER JONAS N. STRICKLAND

JAN 31 2005

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office

on JANUARY 31, 2005
Date
Signature

NANCY M. COCHRAN

Typed or printed name of person signing Certificate

302-892-7756

Registration Number, if applicable

Telephone Number

Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of transmission, or this certificate must identify each submitted paper.

10/680334

CR9461USDIV6

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.312

Page 1 of 4

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.8. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 1.8 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Rev. 10/93

DATE OF NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE: DECEMBER 30, 2004

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JAN 31 2005

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

MARK ANDREW HARMER ET AL.

CASE NO.: CR9461 US DIV6

APPLICATION NO.: 10/680,334

GROUP ART UNIT: 1754

FILED: OCTOBER 07, 2003

EXAMINER: STRICKLAND, JONAS N.

FOR: SOL-GEL DERIVED POROUS MICROCOMPOSITE OF PERFLUORINATED
ION-EXCHANGE POLYMER AND METAL OXIDE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.312

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Introductory Comments

Before the issuance of this application as a patent, the issue fee being due on March 30, 2005, please amend the above-referenced application as follows: